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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: BUMP STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND
MOUNTING STRUCTURE FOR IC CHIP AND CIRCUIT BOARD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

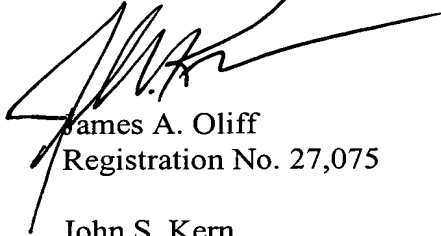
In reply to the May 19, 2005 Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group II, claims 9-16, drawn to a method of manufacturing bump structure, classified in class 438, subclass 613 and embodiment 1, disclosed in Figures 1-4, with traverse. At least claims 9 and 12-16 read on this species.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims or species are sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims or species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims or species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should

apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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